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SUBJ: CIA ARMS AID FOR KURDS

1. BAGHDAD PRESS ON FEB. 1 CARRIED STORIES OF 1974 CIA OPERATION TO SUPPLY ARMS TO KURDS BASED ON NEW YORK TIMES ACCOUNT. ACCORDING TO BAGHDAD PRESS ACCOUNTS, PRES. NIXON ORDERED THE OPERATION AND BARZANI EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER BY SENDING HIM THREE VALUABLE CARPETS AND A PEARL NECKLACE FOR MRS. KISSINGER. STORY WAS HEADLINED IN KURDISH DAILY, AT-TAAHKI, AND NOTED ON FRONT PAGE OF BAATH PARTY DAILY, ATH-THAURA.

2. COMMENT: ARTICLES DO NOT MENTION SHAH'S ROLE, WHICH PROBABLY INDICATES IRAQI REGIME'S DESIRE TO PURSUE ITS POLICY OF DETENTE WITH IRAN. WE ALSO HAVE IMPRESSION IRAQI REGIME NOT ANXIOUS TO MAKE MAJOR ISSUE WITH USG OUT OF THESE REPORTS AND IS, THEREFORE, CONTENT TO PLACE BLAME ON FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON. ALSO SIGNIFICANT IS FACT THAT STORY WAS NOT CARRIED IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PUTER WHICH IS EDITED PRIMARILY FOR LOCAL DIPLOMATIC CORPS.  
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